

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Financing

Of the manifold problems which confront the Colony's present Financial Secretary none can cause more heart-souring than that of deciding the most suitable method of financing the huge capital expenditure projects which rate as essential features of Hongkong's expansion programme. It was a subject which attracted the attention of more than one Unofficial in this week's Budget debate, and it was quite clear that apprehension is felt by members of Legislative Council concerning the policy of paying for these heavy commitments out of current revenue. It has been traditional for Government to pursue the policy of "pay as you go", and it is one that is meritorious while it can be applied without seriously jeopardising the economic equilibrium of the community. But today that Colony is embarking on projects the cost of which a few years ago would have been regarded as beyond serious contemplation. Now the prospect of having to find up to \$100 million for a single undertaking is treated almost lightheartedly, and a Budget which calls for nearly \$400 million is accepted with equanimity. It is obvious, however, that there is a limit to the Colony's revenue-raising capacity, and many will agree with the Hon. M. W. Lo that it is time Government considered some revision of its financing policies.

THE decision has already been taken to pay for the Tai Lam Chung reservoir out of annual revenue, but this is not the only scheme, approved at least in principle, which calls for vast capital expenditure. Both the Kai Tak airport extension and the new Kowloon hospital loom large as undertakings in the near future involving heavy financial commitments. Many are of the opinion that these should be financed through public loans, and their reasons are good. Both schemes are for the benefit of posterity as well as the Colony of today; wherefore, surely it is fair that some of the cost should be borne by the community of the future. Moreover, Hongkong today has no public debt. The conviction is shared among a responsible section of the business community that, given the right sort of interest terms, a loan could be successfully floated in Hongkong, and that the annual burden of its charges could and would be more easily and readily borne by the taxpayers than an increase in taxation on incomes and profits. It is a viewpoint which deserves to command the attention of Government, for apart from the relative merits of financing from revenue or loan, it is helpful for any government to possess reasonably contented taxpayers.



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McCARTHY-ARMY DISPUTE

Defence Secretary Supports Accusation Against Senator

Washington, Mar. 18.

The Secretary of Defence, Mr Charles Wilson, said today that he regarded as truthful the Army report accusing Senator Joseph McCarthy and Mr Roy Cohn, his chief counsel, of putting pressure for special treatment for David Schine, former McCarthy aide.

Mr Wilson said he believed Senator McCarthy's counter-charge that the Secretary of the Army, Mr Robert Stevens, sought to have the investigation of alleged Communism switched from the Army to other branches of the services "was never a proper one."

"It is my opinion that the charge was never a proper one and that it was never so," Mr Wilson told the Senate Armed Services Committee at a public hearing.

Mr Wilson had previously told the Committee that the Armed services were not "coddling Communists" — a charge McCarthy has made repeatedly and that he had "absolute and complete confidence" in Mr Stevens.

Senator Estes Kefauver asked whether Mr Wilson regarded the Army report as truthful.

"I certainly would," Mr Wilson replied.

Mr Wilson also told the Senators he had confidence in John G. Adams, Army Counsel, "as far as I know" about him. — Reuter.

Slave Camp Revolt Disclosure

Berlin, Mar. 18.

Twelve thousand slave labourers revolted in Russia's Arctic north last year in a bloody strike that was crushed only after Soviet tank-guns killed more than 64 of the strikers and wounded some 200, it was reported today.

The report was the first full account of growing unrest, after Stalin's death, in Soviet slave camps. It was made by a German physician and told in detail in Der Monat, a magazine published here under the sponsorship of the US State Department.

The doctor, a 41-year-old Leipzig X-ray specialist, Joseph Scholmer, recently was released from Vorkuta by the Russians after serving three and a half years of a 25-year hard labour sentence.

He said about 12,000 of nearly 250,000 workers in the huge Vorkuta slave camp area on Russia's Polar coast stopped work for two weeks last July following the death of Stalin and the arrest of the Soviet secret police chief, Lavrenti Beria.

The prisoners in the Vorkuta area included Ukrainian partisans, members of the anti-Communist resistance from Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia, anti-Communists from all parts of the Soviet Union and foreigners, including a large number of Germans.

He said the slave revolt all but crippled Soviet industry in Leningrad, 2,000 miles to the southwest, and was not put down until Soviet troops turned sub-machineguns on strikers and arrested their ringleaders. — United Press.

NEW ABOUT THEM

Washington, Mar. 18.

The Defence Secretary, Mr Charles E. Wilson, and his aides said today that Senator Joseph R. McCarthy had turned up no case of subversion in the Armed Services they did not know about already.

Mr Wilson said that the Services had 20 loyalty or security risks among 61 drafted medical men it must commission or discharge.

Mr Wilson told the Senate Armed Services Committee that "the stage is about over" where "the Defence Department needs any help from Congressional Committees in rooting out subversives."

"I don't believe we need their help," he said under questioning by Senator Estes Kefauver (Democrat, Tennessee). "We welcome it if it is the order of the day."

Mr Wilson, voicing complete confidence in the Army Secretary, Mr Robert T. Stevens, who sat with him, said that he would like to see the last of the current feud between the Army and Mr McCarthy.

"I'd like to get it over with and go about the important work of the Defence Department," and gentlemen, it is important," he said.

"We do have important business to handle. We ought not to be distracted by this kind of thing."

Chairman Leverett Saltonstall (Republican, Massachusetts) sought to keep his committee out of the dispute between the Army and Mr McCarthy.

He pointed out that Mr McCarthy's Sub-Committee had voted to hire a special staff and investigate charges that its counsel, Mr Roy M. Cohn, used threats and pressure to get favours for a drafted friend and former aide G. David Schine. The Sub-committee also will investigate Mr McCarthy's counter-charge that the Army tried to "blackmail" him into calling off his inquiry into "Communist coddling."

NO CODDLING
Mr Kefauver insisted, however, on asking some questions involving the Army-McCarthy feud. He said that the integrity of Mr Stevens and the Army's counsel, Mr John G. Adams, involved in the McCarthy fight, lay in the jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee. So was Army morale, he said.

Senator Margaret Chase Smith, a Republican, asked Mr Wilson if anyone in the Army had been "coddling Communists."

"I'm sure no one has," Mr Wilson replied.

Mr Kefauver asked if any Congressional Committee had ever, to Mr Wilson's knowledge, uncovered a case of subversion in the Armed Forces not already under investigation by the Services themselves or the FBI.

Mr Wilson said that he had "assistants for these little things." "I do know we're getting them all out," Mr Wilson said.

"None in the Navy," spoke up Admiral James F. Holloway, Chief of Navy personnel.

"None in the Air Force," chimed in the Assistant Air Force Secretary, Mr Leo White.

"None in the Army," said Mr Stevens.

However, Mr Stevens later said, "I can't recall an instance where, with the help of the FBI

or our own agencies, we didn't know about the case. But I would like to discuss it with our own G-2 (Intelligence) people before I make a categorical statement."

ON THE RECORD
Mr Wilson said, "that they know of no cases of which they did not have some previous knowledge. I'd like to note that we are working closely with the FBI."

Mr Wilson said that there had been some "coddling" or "Communist" in past administrations — but not in the Pentagon.

He did not make specific accusations, but he said that after World War II labour unions also coddled Communists, but had pretty well cleaned them out now with the help of the law.

Mr Kefauver asked if Mr Wilson had confidence in the Army's report of Mr Cohn's threats and pressure.

"Yes," said Mr Wilson. "I also believe people are innocent until proven guilty. It is a messy kind of thing as I read about it in the newspapers. This is a big job you've given me, and I try to ignore some of the chaff and snow. I've been going about my business and letting some other people clear up the mud."

In disclosing that the Armed Services have 20 loyalty or security risks among 61 medical men they must commission or discharge, Mr Wilson stressed that this was only 20 risks out of 15,000 medical personnel brought in under the special doctor-dentist draft. — United Press.

Pyramid Roof Caves In

Cairo, Mar. 18.

One Egyptian worker was killed and two injured when the roof caved in today in a subterranean passage in the newly discovered step pyramid at Sakkarah.

The pyramid, about 18 miles south of Cairo, in the ancient burial place of kings, was never finished, but the base was uncovered from the sands in recent excavations.

The passage was believed to lead to the burial chamber of the third dynasty King Sanakht, who died 4,700 years ago. It was blocked by rubble 25 yards from the entrance and experts warned that the roof might cave in at any time.

Egyptian archaeologists hoped to find important archaeological treasures in the burial chamber. — Reuter.

FISHING BOATS ATTACKED

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

Two unidentified craft, believed to belong to Communist China, chased and fired on four Japanese fishing boats yesterday in the East China Sea, according to Japan's national news agency Kyodo quoting the Nagasaki Maritime Safety Board.

Two of the four boats were believed captured and taken to Shanghai, Kyodo reported. — Reuter.

Two-Headed Baby In Critical Condition

Indianapolis, Mar. 18.

Indiana's two-headed baby was placed on the critical list tonight after he was rushed to the Indiana University Medical Centre because of difficult breathing.

The three-month-old child was placed in a children's ward at Riley Hospital where he was under observation for a "blue condition" and laboured breathing, which started four days ago.

Medical centre spokesmen said physicians examined the child thoroughly because of a rash which broke out on the weaker side early in the day. It was believed at first the outbreak might be measles.

However, placing the baby in a ward with other youngsters indicated the rash was not a contagious disease, although the doctors did not say what else it might be.

GIVEN OXYGEN
The child's mother, Mrs Cecil Hartley, said oxygen was administered "three or four times" to the left head, Daniel Kaye, during the three and a half hour ambulance ride from the family's home in Petersburg, Indiana.

The left head developed breathing difficulty four days ago and the family physician, Dr Joseph Elbert, said it was caused by a "circulatory difficulty."

The right head, Donald Ray, continued doing "wonderfully," Dr Elbert said, but was occasionally given oxygen as a precautionary measure.

The weaker side, which examinations shortly after the baby's birth on December 12 showed had only one lung, got oxygen "seven or eight times a day."

"I wouldn't consider his condition critical, but I'm certainly not satisfied," said Dr Elbert. He considered the infant in a "serious condition." — United Press.

Indians Attack Prospectors

El Curcio, Peru, Mar. 18.

One person was killed and seven others were injured today when a group of Indians attacked a party of mining prospectors near here.

Troops and civil guards restored order and rescued the miners, who had been taken prisoner by the Indians.

The Indians were reported to have attacked the prospectors with clubs and stones, enraged by the idea that the prospecting operations meant they would be removed from their lands. — United Press.

Plane Crashes

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

Japanese Coast Guard headquarters here said tonight that a fishing boat had reported that an unidentified plane had crashed into the sea about 40 miles southeast of Yokohama today. — Reuter.

Lady Churchill Threatened Again

Manchester, Mar. 18.

A further letter threatening death to Lady Churchill, the wife of the Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, was received tonight by the Manchester Evening News.

The type-written letter, posted in Manchester, bore on its envelope the legend "Ireland will be united forever". The stamp, bearing a head of Queen Elizabeth II, was stuck on upside down.

A first threatening letter was received by Lady Churchill personally last Tuesday.

Tonight's letter read: "Dear Sirs, Being a local newspaper, you may be interested to know that Lady Churchill will meet violent death before the end of June. Yours sincerely, Freedom for Ireland, Unity is our Goal."

The letter has been handed over to the Manchester police. — France-Press.

Munitions Factory In Difficulties

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

Japan's biggest postwar ammunition maker faced today a serious financial crisis and possible collapse because of the inability to obtain loans from either the Government or private banks.

The Nippei Industrial Company, located 40 miles southwest of Tokyo, has been making mortar shells and machine-gun bullets for the United States security forces.

The Company received its first financial blow last Autumn when the Japan Development Bank, a Government organ, rejected its request for a 300,000,000 yen loan for manufacture of machine-gun ammunition for the U.S. forces.

The refusal was based on the alleged administrative incompetence of the Company's President and Board Directors.

Yesterday, Nippei applied for a loan of 70,000,000 yen from a private bank which agreed to lend money for the Company's immediate needs, but with a condition attached. The Bank told Nippei the money would be loaned if the Company carried out personnel changes and used part of its plant facilities for the production of "peace" goods.

Meanwhile, the local clearing house warned Nippei that it will suspend business with the Company if it failed to make good previously had cheques by their deadline.

Nippei is capitalised at 1,300,000,000 yen (about US\$240,000), and employs 2,500 workers. — United Press.

Constellation Disaster At Singapore Airfield



Picture above shows the burning fuselage of the BOAC Constellation which burst into flames upon landing at Singapore's Kallang airport last week, when 32 people lost their lives. — AP Photograph.

Royal Tour Schedule Changes

London, Mar. 18.

Because of the polio epidemic now spreading in Western Australia, it was understood here on Thursday night that several features of Queen Elizabeth's visit to that area at the end of this month have been removed from her schedule, although the tour itself is not cancelled.

A gathering of 30,000 children, which had been planned in honour of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh's visit to Perth, the capital of the state of Western Australia, will not take place. This is in line with a series of recommendations outlined by the physicians making up Western Australia's defence committee against the polio epidemic.

The physicians recommended (1) that the Queen abstain from shaking hands with the persons introduced to her; (2) that these persons remain, at a distance of six feet from the Queen; (3) that all children's gatherings be eliminated, or shortened; and (4) to eliminate bouquet offerings by children to the Queen. — France-Press.

UPROAR IN ACADEMY

Paris, Mar. 18.

Police dragged demonstrators from the French Academy here today when boos and catcalls greeted the installing of a successor to the late Charles Maurras, lifelong Royalist and supporter of Marshal Philippe Petain.

Among two demonstrators arrested was Dr Francois Daudet, son of Leon Daudet, leader of the prewar Royalist movement, Action Francaise.

Cries of "Lay" followed by a shower of leaflets from the gallery greeted academicien Jacques de Lacretelle when he said "until the last moment Maurras refused to greet the dawn awaited by the entire nation—the liberation."

The 69-year-old Duc de Levis Mirepoix, historian, was taking his seat to replace Maurras among the "40 immortals".

Maurras was sentenced to life imprisonment for collaboration with the Germans and was expelled from the French Academy, official guardian of the French language.

He died at the age of 85 a few months after he was freed in 1952. — Reuter.



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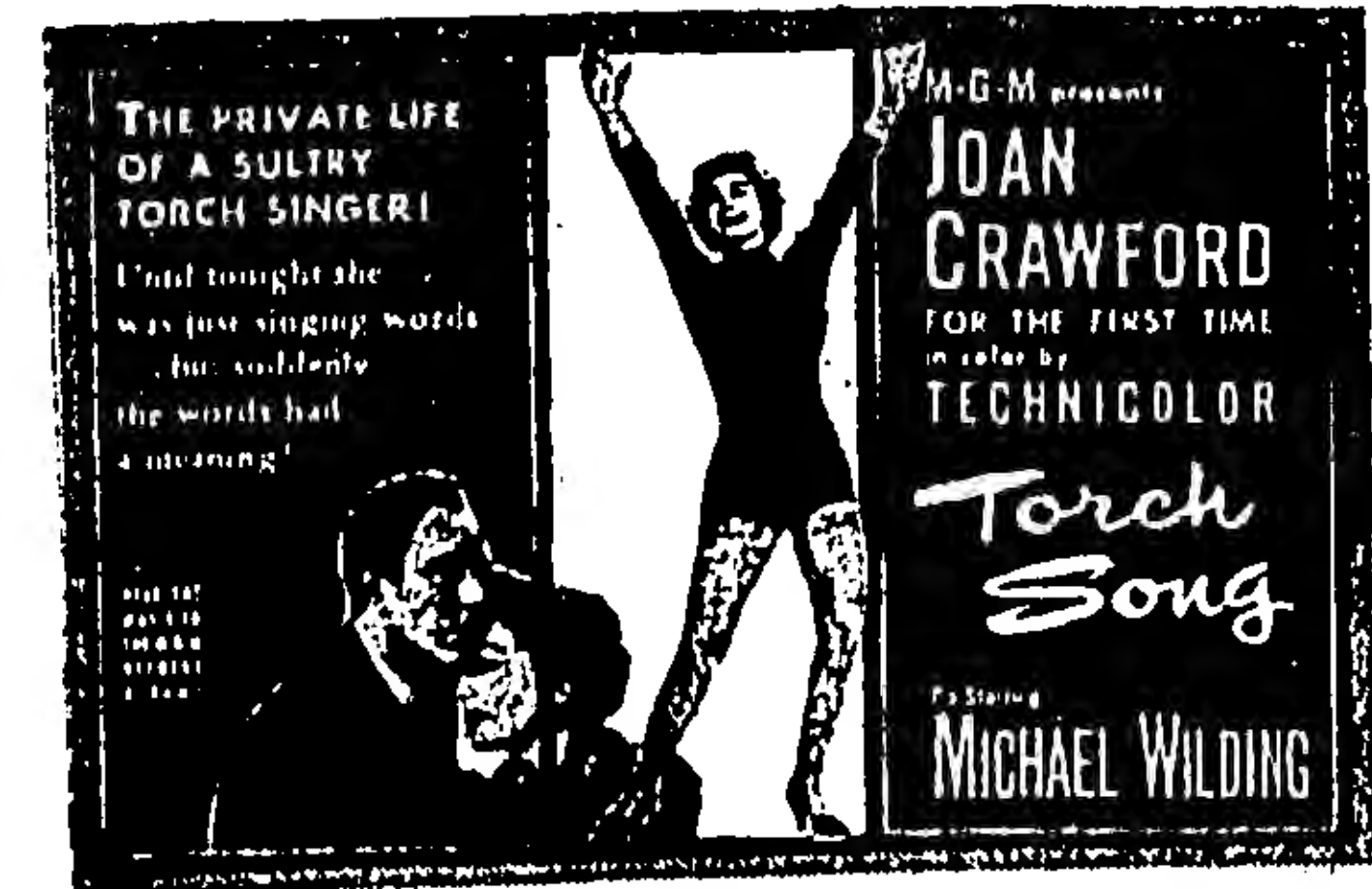
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Speaks Of
"Terrible Menace"

New York, Mar. 18.

Japan's newly appointed Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Sadao Iguchi, warned in a speech tonight of the "unprecedented dangers of the atomic age."

"We cannot escape from the fact that all of us are living under the shadow of a terrible menace," he said.

"Every home and every community anywhere in the world—even civilization itself—will be in danger of extinction if atomic weapons should be used in another war."

"In the face of this common danger which confronts mankind, your country and mine and all who uphold the principles of humanity, morality and peace must work together to preserve our civilization."

Mr. Iguchi was addressing a meeting of the Japan Society, his first speech in the United States since being appointed Ambassador. Japan would increasingly assume the responsibility for its own defense under the terms of its security treaty and recently signed Military Aid Pact with the United States, but warned that his nation's efforts to expand its defense role might seem "unjustifiably inadequate."

He said the problem of defense was exceedingly complex for Japan.

LITTLE POSSIBILITY
The Government was faced with the "psychological demoralization" which followed the last war and the early settlement of reparations with Asian neighbour countries.

"Nor can we ignore the apprehension of some of our neighbours concerning the possible resurgence of Japanese militarism," he said.

"Even while our defence efforts might appear inadequate to some, to others it may already appear too great."

"We who know the true temper of the post-war generation of the Japanese people know how little possibility there is of militarist revival."

"Others do not and we must therefore move from circumspection."

He added: "I do not mean to offer excuses. The Japanese Government is fully committed to the building up of its defence."

Sovereignty

Of West

Germany Near

NOBODY WAS SATISFIED!

London, Mar. 18.

The air conditioning equipment in the No. 1 court at the Old Bailey, scene of most of the big murder trials of recent years, is to be improved.

The judge complained yesterday that he was too warm, and the jury that they were too cold, while counsel said their papers were being "fluttered about as though in a north-easter."

Last week a prisoner caught influenza.—China Mail Special.

Modern Cave Artists

Chislehurst, Kent, Mar. 18.

Modern cave artists are starting work in the 22-mile labyrinth of caverns, under Chislehurst.

Permission was given today by Mr. J. Gardner, proprietor of the caves—war-time air raid shelter for 15,000 people—for a party of experienced sculptors to make carvings on the chalk walls.—China Mail Special.

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London, Mar. 18.

Mrs. Letitia Enright, who was thought too delicate to survive beyond childhood, died at her home here two days ago aged 101.

She insisted on helping her daughter with the house work up to two years ago.—China Mail Special.

To Help Industry

West Germany

Woos Its Millionaires

Bonn, Mar. 18.

The success of the West German Government's tax reform proposals announced last week will depend largely on the country's estimated 200 millionaires, Finance Ministry officials said here today.

(A German millionaire is some one earning more than one million marks about £83,000 every year.)

Assuming Parliament approves the proposals as expected, millionaires will keep about a quarter of their income to dispose of as they wish.

At present they keep only about one tenth.

The Finance Minister, Herr Fritz Schaeffer, said the idea was to assist the growth of West German industry by releasing more capital.

He is relying on the millionaires to invest their money instead of indulging in a spree of luxury spending.

SO MUCH INFLUENCE

A Finance Ministry spokesman told Reuters he thought the millionaires would prefer to invest most of the freed money—they are well aware of the need to plough back their profits.

The most famous German millionaire is Alfred Krupp, the Ruhr industrial magnate. Another is A. Springer of Hamburg, owner of one of the largest West German publishing firms.

Robert Pierdemenges, who is on the boards of several large banking and industrial concerns is credited with so much influence that he has been dubbed "the Chancellor's Financial Adviser."

Such men are expected to invest on a scale which taxation has not allowed before.

But even if they spend their money on themselves instead, much of it will return to the Government through taxes on consumer goods.

55 P.C. INCOME TAX
Detailed figures show that millionaires and all those earning above 600,000 marks (about £60,000) a year will pay an average maximum of 55 per cent income tax.

Such special cases it could be as high as 63 per cent.

To this must be added special taxes like those in aid of refugees in West Berlin and the churches and a supplementary tax of 2.5 per cent.

This brings the minimum taxation for millionaires up to about 75 per cent of their incomes.

At present they pay about 60 per cent.—Reuters.

Japanese War

Criminals

Leave Russia

Moscow, Mar. 18.

Japanese Red Cross ship Koon Maru sailed from Nakhodka near Vladivostok today with a group of Japanese civilian war criminals repatriated after gnat terms in the Soviet Union.

Koon Maru was scheduled to embark 464 civilians but the Red Cross headquarters in Moscow was unable to confirm the number actually taken off.

Mr. Nikolai Chikalenko, Director of the Foreign Relations Department of the Soviet Red Cross, said all information available from Nakhodka was that Koon Maru sailed at 11.30 a.m. local time and the number of repatriates was not likely to be available until later.

Mr. Chikalenko said it was impossible to assume all 464 had departed in view of the experience of the previous Japanese repatriation last November when one repatriate reportedly refused to leave.

"It might have been difficult to organise all these persons," Mr. Chikalenko said.

According to the Soviet authorities, 1,047 military war criminals are remaining to complete sentences for war crimes.—Reuters.

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RUSSIAN ELECTIONS:

New Deputies From Georgia After Beria Purge

Moscow, Mar. 18.

The result of Sunday's election to the Supreme Soviet issued today showed a change in the representation of the Soviet Republic of Georgia compared with the last election in 1950.

Of the 37 deputies from Georgia who will sit in the new Supreme Soviet (Russia's Legislative Assembly), 29 of them are new. Ten new deputies out of 12 represent Georgia in the Soviet (Council) of the Union and 19 new deputies out of 25 in the Soviet of Nationalities. These are the two parallel chambers of the Supreme Soviet.

(Georgia is the home state of Lavrenti P. Beria, the former Soviet secret police chief who was executed last December. Since Beria's fall last summer the state and party organisations have been rocked by a series of purges.)

The changes in the representation of Georgia in the Supreme Soviet are believed to reflect the Georgian Government within the past year.

A similar change was noted in the representation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, where leaders of the Government and the Communist Party have recently been severely criticised for failure to mobilise the virgin land resources for grain cultivation.

Kazakhstan, stretching from the Caspian Sea across to the borders of China, is the second biggest Republic in the Soviet Federation. It is scheduled to play a major role in the Soviet "grow more food" campaign.)

MORE PRONOUNCED
The list published today showed 22 new deputies out of 24 elected from Kazakhstan to the Soviet of the Union and 21

new deputies out of 25 elected to the Soviet of Nationalities. Changes in representation occurred in most Soviet Republics—but those in Georgia and Kazakhstan appear to be more pronounced.

Similar changes also occurred in many electoral districts in the 1950 election compared with that in 1940.

Election returns for the Soviet of the Union showed nine new deputies out of 11 in Azerbaijan (which borders on Georgia and Persia), six new deputies out of ten in Soviet Lithuania, four new deputies out of six in the Soviet Central Asian Republic of Tadzhikistan and three new deputies out of five in Armenia.

Returns for the Soviet of Nationalities showed 13 new deputies out of 28 in the Russian Federation (Russia Proper) and 13 new deputies out of 25 in the Ukraine.—Reuters.

415 Million Stamps

London, Mar. 18.

Over 415 million, two-penny halfpenny postage stamps were sold commemorating Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, the Postmaster General announced.—China Mail Special.

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FRANCE'S DON CAMILLO

From Sydney Smith

Paris. A VILLAGE priest who denounced from his pulpit the existence of purgatory is France's new Don Camillo.

You remember the film of Don Camillo the fighting priest who fought nobly, dangerously, yet with affection against his Communist parishioners? Well, in the cider-drinking country of Brittany there is another priest and his villagers at war with Rome and Moscow.

It's a life and death struggle that has aroused all France.

The hamlet of Landebia—population 352—hardly stirred when its popular and tough young priest, 32-year old Abbe Lammay, stood up in his pulpit one Sunday.

He said that he still believed in heaven and hell. Then he told his flock he had lost faith in the intervening stage of purgatory—a kind of crossroads for those going to heaven and those doomed to hell.

The people were not upset. But his local bishop of Saint-Brieuc was shocked very shocked. He sent for the Abbe at once.

TOO MUCH

The young priest was "invited" to think things over in a monastery. He refused. And the very next Sunday he invited a lay friend and sympathiser to preach the sermon from his pulpit.

This was a great deal too much for the Bishop. He suspended the Abbe from parochial duties, and named an older priest—Abbe Robert—to take over.

But Abbe Lammay decided to fight on. He obtained from the Town Hall authority to stay in his vicarage. He held a "rebel Mass," while the new arrival held his own official Mass.

The parish of Landebia was split. The young Abbe was supported by his organist and his church wardens and most of the village. So the new incumbent found his own organist and other church wardens. The village was so intrigued by the battle that the church was full for every service, and curious folk from the neighbouring countryside took Mass with both priests—from 6.30 in the morning onwards.

The young Abbe Lammay—who still refuses to believe in purgatory—is winning. His church salary has been stopped. But he is sticking to his vicarage, with the backing of the Socialist Mayor.

FLAT OUT

He has no money, but every day faithful parishioners, who do not believe in purgatory either, are bringing him up eggs, chicken, milk and meat that one man can eat.

The police, embarrassed by a request to investigate his illegal occupation of the vicarage, do not know what to do with him. When his rival, honest Abbe Robert, holds services, the church is stoned. There are broken windows left unbroken. Leftist political meetings are held on the church steps of the young Abbe, who has never had a political thought in his head.

And the local Socialists—with a strong smattering of Communists—are flat out for the young man.

They are so flat out for him that they have drawn up a petition on his behalf. And to his great embarrassment they have produced 600 votes in his support—although his parishioners number only 352.

This problem alone may be enough to persuade the young Abbe that purgatory is indeed true.



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FIRST OF A NEW TWO-PART STUDY

ARE THE RUSSIANS FREEING CULTURE?

By David Laidlaw

THE so-called "liberalisation" of the arts recently begun in Soviet Russia has disclosed in its wake a state of affairs more serious than had been imagined. Evidence of the ideological and bureaucratic stranglehold exercised on the country's artistic development by the notorious, Zhdanov-inspired Central Committee decrees of 1946-48, has never been lacking, but it has remained for the Russians themselves to depict the full extent of their paralyzing influence.

Striking revelations have emerged from recent statements by four of Russia's leading cultural exponents—Aram Khachaturian, the Armenian composer, once denounced by Zhdanov as a "formalist" together with Shostakovich, Prokofiev, and Minkovsky; Ilya Ehrenburg, the writer and publicist; Konstantin Simonov, deputy Secretary-General of the All-Union Congress of Soviet Writers; and the Secretary-General himself, Alexander Fadeev.

Each of these statements is notably outspoken, and it is clear that in order to emphasize this new deviation in policy the Party has granted its most prominent cultural spokesmen more than the customary latitude.

Khachaturian's indictment of Zhdanovism, as it affected musical composition, appears in an article in the November 1953 issue of Soviet Music, entitled "Creative Boldness and Inspiration." Without actually disclaiming the doctrine of "Socialist realism," which was the keynote of Zhdanov's cultural policy, Khachaturian carries to remarkable lengths his condemnation of its unlimited application and its stultifying effect on creative impulse.

For Safety

HE describes how, scared of doing the wrong thing, composers played for safety at all costs. "... they assumed positions of thoughtless adaptability to the Zhdanov decree, and were producing flat, conventional stuff, lacking in all creative individuality and characterised by second-hand musical phraseology."

Monumental works resounding with emptiness, writes Khachaturian, repeatedly won official approval solely because their titles contained something about "Love for the Soviet Homeland" or "The Struggle for Peace," though with the public they evoked little, if any, response, and were soon forgotten. Khachaturian strikes a significant note when he appeals for a revival of "revolutionary romanticism" in the Soviet art—an appeal echoed by Simonov in his nostalgic harking back to the "golden age of Soviet realism" between 1920 and 1941. "In each man's words is a realisation of a once-powerful mystique long since showed out of existence by measure after measure of reactionary control—a mystique which lent a positive, crusading vigour to the arts," and made them a formidable instrument

in the hands of the Party propagandists.

Dealing with the plight of the individual composer, Khachaturian provides an interesting insight into the system which has operated since the Zhdanov decree:

"Under the present 'guardianship system' the composer is, in fact, relieved of all responsibility. If he takes a new song or other composition along to this or that administrative body (the Composers' Union, the Central Art Office, or the radio) everybody there considers it his duty to give him 'advice.' In short, he gets instructions for rewriting the work. And the odd thing is that certain composers easily agree to all these changes, even if it means throwing out parts of the work, which may be the fruits of some deeply felt inspiration, and readily dress it up to make it look like a hair-dresser's dummy."

A Parallel

AN amusing parallel, as it affects the painter, appears in a set of two illustrations by I. Semyonov, in the April 1953 issue of Ogonyok. The first of these depicts the artist's original interpretation of Nekrasov's lines, "Go to the Volga—whose green reeds there?"

A procession of dismal, ragged peasants, or maybe fisherfolk, roped one to another, are painfully dragging a boat up the beach from the water's edge. The prevailing mood is one of sombre realism, very much in the Victorian manner and well fitted to the caption. Before the pictures stands the artist, facing a panel of critics.

The second illustration shows the revised version of the same picture, executed in accordance with the critics' advice. In the style of a poster advertising a popular coastal resort, it portrays a laughing procession of healthy-looking, gaily habressed people, drawing behind them up the beach a glittering pleasure steamer, while from a nearby booth a woman runs towards them with a tray of refreshments and, beyond, a group of sun-bathers smile faces in salute as they pass. Held aloft above the procession is a banner inscribed "Overfulfill the Volga Shipments Plan!"

Watchdogs

LIKE Khachaturian, Ehrenburg indignantly demands the removal of restraints from the creative artist, though, misleadingly, he attributes the entire blame for his present condition to the critics as if they were independent voices instead of mere executives of the Writers' or Composers' Unions. This, when it is common knowledge that all the so-called "five-year plan literature" was ordered from "above," and that these critics were simply the appointed watchdogs for the plan.

Many hundreds of books have been written in the last few years which, because they have failed to satisfy the "requirement" laid down in these regulations, have never had

the least chance of being published. Ehrenburg is well acquainted with this, but he offers no hint that their fate will be reviewed under the terms of the "new enlightenment."

Yet the desire boldly set forth in his statement, as in those of his fellow spokesmen, is for a varied presentation of Soviet life in contrast to the rigid, uniform style imposed by Zhdanov.

Party Line

WHAT if the suppressed books were really "moral" and "introspective?" We will make every effort," writes Simonov, "to respond worthily to the demands of the Party, to the demands of the people. We will respond with our plays to the questions of life, work, friendship, love and way of life which agitate Soviet people. Have morbidity and introspection truly no place in the emotions of the Russian people?"

It is this prescribed attitude towards the human emotions which has so perturbed the dramatists, whose deference to this aspect of the Party line led them into one of the major pitfalls of their art. For, without acceptance of the full range of emotion and behaviour there can be no portrayal of "light and shade," while conflict, the life-blood of the drama, disappears altogether.

It has become impossible to introduce the elements of conflict by staging such characters as a stupid official, a lazy militiaman, or a concurred bureaucrat, since to do so is, in the official view, to typify a phenomenon—thus condemning all officials, all militiamen, and all bureaucrats.

Soviet Man

EVEN such a perennial standby for the role of villain as the "bourgeois nationalist" or the "homeless cosmopolitan" no longer seems to match the need since, according to the Literary Gazette, Soviet critics regularly complain that the villain in such cases is much more convincingly drawn, much more attractive to the average spectator than the wooden automaton who goes under the title of "Soviet man."

The idealistic conception of the "New Soviet Man" has come home to roost, with a vengeance. As one sarcastic Moscow theatre critic has put it: "There is no longer any place for drama in our Socialist society. There is not enough 'friction' in our everyday life to provide material."

Of the technical incompetence of contemporary Soviet drama Lavrenko has some equally harsh things to say:

"The majority of authors, though possessing lively and interesting ideas, have no conception of the basic elements of a dramatic work: of genre, subject, exposition, plot, action climax, denouement, image or character."

Simonov, after a series of admissions as amazing as Lavrenko's, testifies to an almost unbelievable absurdity. So ready, it seems, were some authors to "meet the contradictory demands of different theatres"—most of which yielded to every pressure by the local Arts Administration—that they cheerfully composed several variations on one and the same play, each with a different title, with the result that, to pick out only one instance, a play by A. Simukov was to be seen at two Moscow theatres under different titles, "and already," according to Simonov, "the protests of audiences are spreading, since in their simplicity they have been twice to see the same play."

What will be the ultimate result of the present campaign only time alone can show. Certain it is that the authorities have seen the red light. A great apathy has descended on the Soviet artist and his public alike. Fadeev himself has confessed only recently to a start-

ling decline both in membership and interest experienced by the Writers' Union. Something, it is clear, has to be done. Culture is too valuable a field for the ideologists to leave much longer in its present state. But to what extent can reforms really be instituted?

Meaningless

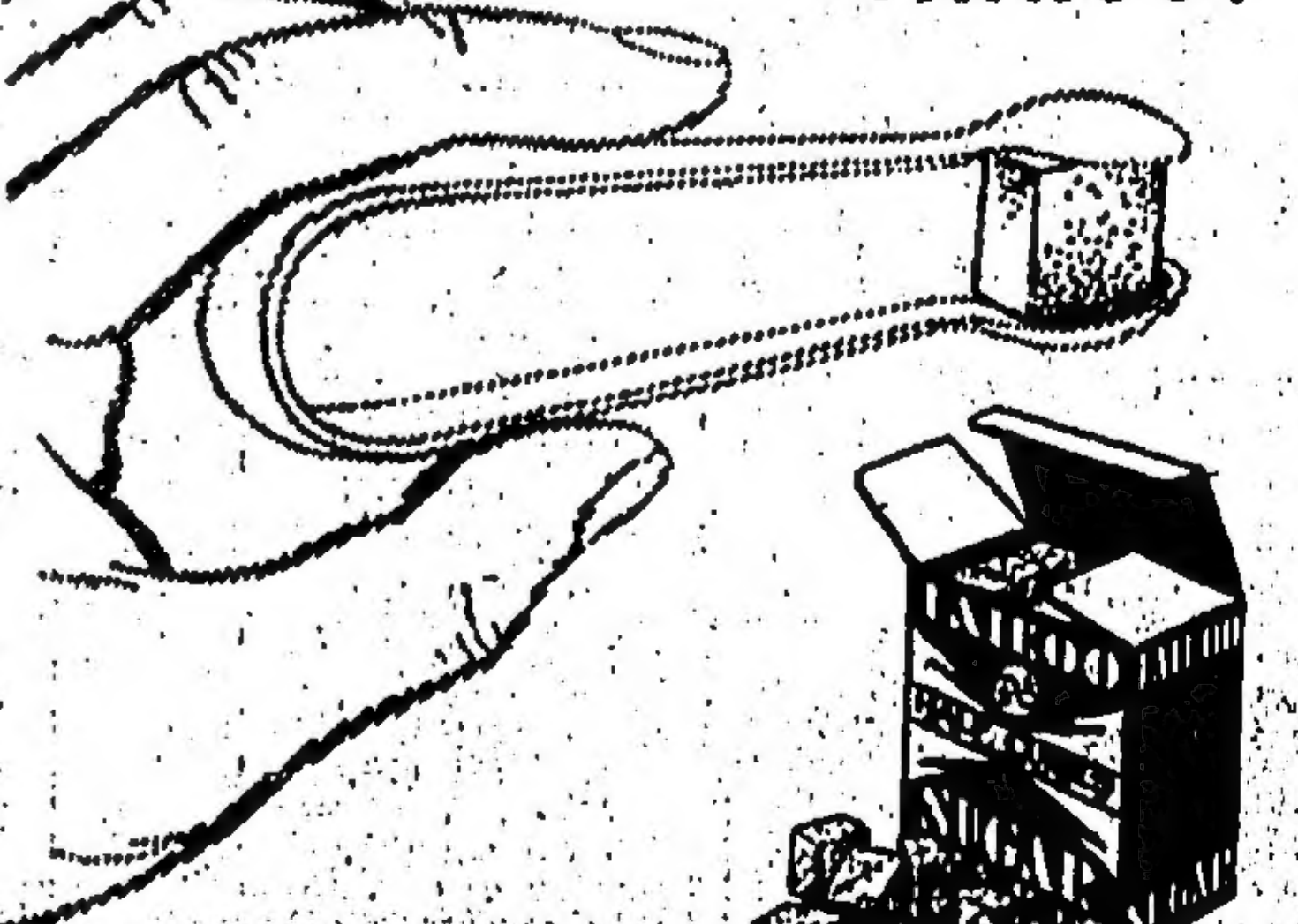
SO far all that the campaign has effected is a slight relaxation of the controls on the actual treatment of material. The material itself is still rigidly prescribed. Yet it is difficult to see how much more can be done without producing a clash between the artist's individual utterances and the unchanged fundamental doctrines which regulate the Soviet State as a whole.

Certainly to talk about "liberalisation" without so much as a hint of such freedoms as freedom to travel, freedom of translation, freedom of expression, and freedom of publication (to mention only a few) is meaningless.

And what is one to make of the contradictory recommendation made only recently by a contributor to Soviet Culture, the official organ of the USSR Ministry of Culture? This writer suggested that the Russian classics should be revised for general consumption, "rendering them free from the errors and numerous distortions consciously introduced into pre-revolutionary editions..."

More Tomorrow

"One Lump-or Two?"
... make sure it's
TAIKOO!



TAIKOO
SUGAR
Half Cubes
obtainable from
all shops and stores



• BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

TODAY the ancient Mardrake ceremonies take place in Glasgow. They date from the 12th century.

Every married woman comes to the Mardrake Club in the market place, sits on a pile of sacks, and removes her shoes, which are then taken into a pit and mixed up for good. The husbands wait outside the door and bring them to the wives, while children dance round singing the Mardrake song.

A Mardrake is a marriage.

Here she goes, then she goes. On her feet, on her feet. Up, then, old Jumper, a Mardrake shall be.

After this there is a distribution of raffle-tickets to all the children.

30,500,000 pickles

STATISTICIANS always destroy their figures by making them agree with their own preconceptions. I have just read that Americans ate 30,500,000 pickles last year. It is a figure that has been made up to suit the imagination of the statisticians. But when you come to think of it, it is not a very large number. It is only one way in which the figures for pickles can be made to agree with the preconceptions of the statisticians. You could not rely on the figures for pickles. They are only one way in which the figures for pickles can be made to agree with the preconceptions of the statisticians.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... BY STELLA

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

BORN today, you have a strong nature which makes you master of your own fate. You are so kindly and sympathetic that you find it hard to imagine anyone who is not friendly to you. You are so kind and sympathetic that you find it hard to imagine anyone who is not friendly to you. You are so kind and sympathetic that you find it hard to imagine anyone who is not friendly to you.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) — At midnight, it will become officially spring. It should bring a new and exciting happiness to you this year.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — If you work all week, this may be your day for doing several repairs around the house. Get them done.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20) — Plan a social evening, but don't let the deep end and be too extravagant with your plans for entertaining.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Take time this week-end to make some long-range plans for the future. Now is not a moment too soon.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — Plan your life so that you have an equal share of routine work and pleasant recreation.

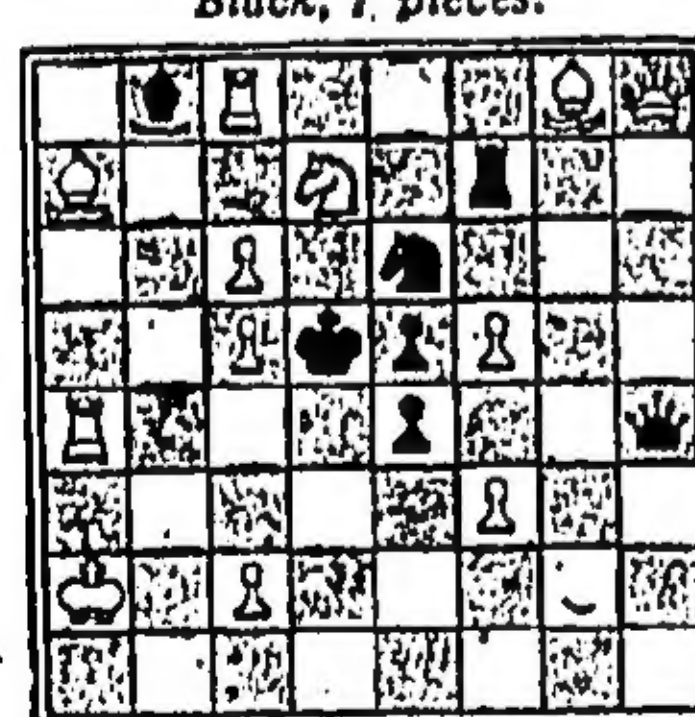
LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — If tensions need relaxing, why not try an entertaining night. Or listen to some good music.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) —

CROSSWORD

CHESS PROBLEM

BY E. HOLLADAY



White, 12 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Kt-B5, any; 2. Q, R, or Kt (ch), or (b1 ch) mates.

DUMB-BELLS



- Across
- You don't call the electrician?
 - Man in ermin. this week. (5)
 - Tea is the anagram. (7)
 - Man who can face the trees for the wood? (8)
 - Sometimes abused. (3)
 - It was written on the lake for the knight at arms. (5)
 - You may have one of thought. (5)
 - He is a French street. (3)
 - Bit of a loaf—the loutish bit. (5)
 - Man to make mountain pools. (5)
 - What I get mixed up. (3)
 - O.O. says—and turns out the light. (5)
 - Do they live a willow look? (5)

- Down
- A neat manner of borrowing? (4, 5)
 - My bet, make sure? (3)
 - The head sticks out. (4)
 - Not for me. (3)
 - Do you go the wrong way. (3)
 - Is he a bit of a mess? (3)
 - Other kind. (4)
 - Different mixture can be used. (4)
 - He is clumsy, socially. (4)
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Luck Plays A Role In Any Bridge Game

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE bidding of today's hand wasn't "perfect," fortunately for North and South. North should have played the hand at six clubs, for that would have been a safe contract if the clubs broke 3-3 or 4-2. Even a contract of six no-trump would have been better than six hearts, for that also would depend only on a normal break in clubs.

When the hand was actually played, however, South got himself into a slam in hearts. Here he needed good luck. In the heart suit, and his chance for this luck wasn't nearly as good as his chance to run the club suit without loss.

In some hands it's better to be lucky than to be smart, and this was a good example, for the clubs did not break normally, and good luck in hearts was there for the taking—for the player who was smart enough to take it.

West opened the queen of diamonds, and South won with the ace. He naturally led a club to dummy and continued with a high club in order to discard

NORTH		15
♠ A 7 4	♥ 9 8	
♦ 9 8	♣ 9 8	
♠ A K Q J 8 5	♥ 9 8	
♦ 10 6 5 3	♣ 9 8	
♠ 9 7 10 7 3 2	♥ 9 8	
♦ 4	♣ 10 9 7 6 2	
SOUTH (D)		
♠ K Q J 8	♥ A J 10 6 4 2	
♦ A 5	♣ 4	
East-West vul.		
South	West	North
1♥	Pass	2♠
2♠	Pass	4♥
4♥	Pass	5♥
5♥	Pass	6♥
6♥	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ Q		

his losing diamond. And much to South's astonishment, West ruffed the second club with the king of hearts.

West then led another diamond, but South was able to ruff. Now declarer had to find and capture the queen of hearts in order to win the rest of the tricks.

After some thought, South led the ace of hearts from his hand. West clutched his cards closer to his vest and glowered suspiciously at declarer as he dropped the blank queen of hearts. He was still muttering to himself when South claimed the rest of the tricks and scored up the slam.

West's suspicions were misplaced. South hadn't peeked. South had correctly decided that he couldn't make the slam unless West had the blank queen of hearts at that point.

South knew that he would surely have to lose a trump trick to East if he had those four trumps. (East could afford to cover the nine of hearts with the queen, and would eventually win a trump trick with the seven or eight. Or East could even afford to play low trumps, and South would be unable to finesse often enough through him.)

Since one possibility (the singleton king) was hopeless, South had to hope for the other possibility (the doubleton K-Q). It worked, and South made his slam.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass
2 N.T. Pass ?

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-4-3, Hearts Q-10-9, Diamonds K-6-4, Clubs 9-5. What do you do?

A—Bid three hearts. Your original intention was to bid your spades first and show heart support later, and there is no reason to change your mind. This disclosure of heart support is forcing since you could pass if you had a bad hand.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-J-4-3, Hearts Q-10-9, Diamonds K-6-4, Clubs 9-5. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

He arranged the letters to spell his occupation.

ERIC ARON

TECHNIQUE OF PAGES 101

WOMANSENSE



Paris and Berlin both launch a lingerie note for the new season. That Springlike touch of white is introduced differently.

Above left: A Paris model wearing wide-brimmed, coarse white straw hat, white kid gloves, long and wrinkled, and a speckled grey wool suit with jacket that is boned through like an old-fashioned corset—top width was inspired by a camisole top with gusset pleats over the high-placed bust and wool bows where shoulder straps used to tie.

Above right: Star mannequin Annellee of Berlin shows a dress in supple grey wool, with plunging neckline edged with white pique and finished with a man's dinner jacket bow tie. Expensive long white suede gloves pick up the touch of white.—London Express Service.

One Woman Feeds 1,500,000 GIs With A Steak A Day

MRS Helen Cacheris, 29, of Washington, means more to the GI than Marilyn Monroe, Jane Russell or any of the other pin-up girls that adorn his army quarters.

For it is Mrs. Cacheris who decides what he is to eat. As menu-planning chief for the Army Quartermaster Corps, she rules every meal the GI has every day in the year, at home or abroad.

Despite her powerful position in the army's economy, she is a civilian, living at home with her husband, Mr. John Cacheris, who works for the government as an expert on guided missiles.

A million and a half soldiers are fed according to the "master menus" planned by Mrs. Cacheris 28 weeks in advance and issued every month to every army unit.

Daily food allowance per man is 7½ lbs. 10¢, so these menus can be generous. Typical dinner—steaks with cream gravy, potatoes and salad, followed by watermelon and iced tea. With it goes bread and butter.

As often as she can, Mrs. Cacheris goes to army camps and barracks to talk to the men and find out what they like to eat. If she thinks complaints are justified, she changes the menus accordingly.

She also has the guidance of frequently taken surveys of soldiers' food preferences. These

show that steak is far and away the favorite dish.

Mrs. Cacheris' menus allow beef 24 to 28 days a month. Most popular sweet is ice cream, and the soldiers get it 12 times a month in winter and up to 18 times a month in summer. Other favorites are fried chicken and apple pie.

Mrs. Cacheris was college-trained in dietetics and from 1947 to 1949 was chief dietitian of a big hospital in Washington. But she says some of her best cookery ideas came from the days when, as one of a family of seven children in Pittsburgh, she helped her mother in the kitchen at home.

She has been chief menu planner for the Army since 1950.

—(London Express Service)

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Pixie O'Scowl's Birthday Cake

—It Was a Surprise, Though He Helped Make It—

By MAX TRELL

OVER at O'Cheer Hall, in the roots of the Old Oak where the Pixies lived, there was great excitement. For it was Pixie O'Scowl's birthday, and all the other Pixies had decided to give him a surprise party.

"Fine idea," said Pixie McBrood. "Only we've got to get him out of here. We can't have a surprise party if he's around while we're getting the party ready. Somebody has got to get him away."

"Where is he now?" Pixie O'Boy asked.

In the Kitchen

"He's sitting in the kitchen smoking his pipe," said Pixie McSauce. "He's been there since early this morning and he won't go on account of it's so nice and warm by the stove. I can't bake his birthday cake if he keeps hanging around watching me bake it."

It was agreed that this was impossible. Some way must be found to get Pixie O'Scowl out of O'Cheer Hall.

So they all went into the kitchen to have a talk with Pixie O'Scowl and see what they could do.

Sure enough, they found Pixie O'Scowl sitting next to the stove, with his chair tilted back against the wall, contentedly smoking his pipe. He didn't even look up when the other Pixies came in. He just went on smoking.

Finally Pixie McSauce said: "I'm going down to the shed on the other side of the road. There's a big lump of honey there that nobody wants. Come on along with me, O'Scowl, and I'll share the honey with you."

Pixie O'Scowl took the pip out of his mouth, just long enough to say: "Don't feed me honey today, McSauce. The honey is bad. It's full of bugs and it's full of dirt."

No Invitations

Then Hand went into the kitchen. She added good morning to Pixie O'Scowl, who looked at her with a frown and said: "If you've come here to invite me to go somewhere with you, you'd better not even bother. I'm not budging from this kitchen."

"Oh, no!" said Hand. "I'm staying right here. I've got to bake a birthday cake for a friend of mine. Of course, you can stay right here. You can even help me."

Pixie O'Scowl growled and grumbled, and said he wouldn't help anybody, but in the end he couldn't avoid it. Soon Hand put an apron on him and he was mixing flour and beating eggs and measuring sugar, and doing a dozen other chores.

And when the birthday cake was done, and the candles were put on, Pixie O'Scowl finally said: "Who did you say this birthday cake was for?"

"Why, dear, it's for you! Happy birthday!" And he really was surprised.

"Why, what's the matter, dear?" Hand asked. "Is something wrong?"

Several of the Pixies explained what the trouble was. "How can we get him out?" said Pixie McSnooze. "He just won't move from the kitchen."

Hand thought of the plan first. She whispered it first to Knarf. "Yes, yes, that's wonderful!" he said. Then Hand told it to all the others. "You just leave everything to me," she said.

So they all went out, wondering what on earth they could do to get Pixie O'Scowl out of the kitchen of O'Cheer Hall so as to be able to bake the birthday cake for his surprise party.

But they could think of nothing.

"Well, I guess we better give up the whole idea," said Pixie McSauce. "But it's a shame."

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A DOCTOR'S ANALYSIS

Are Contact Lenses Satisfactory?

By W. W. BAUER, M.D.

RELUCTANCE to wear glasses is slowly disappearing, but we have a long way to go before there is universal willingness to give the eyes help when they need it. The reasons are various. Some do not wish to acknowledge that with age or for other reasons they no longer see as well as formerly. Others object to the appearance of spectacles on purely esthetic grounds. Still others—actors, athletes, models—have professional reasons for avoiding glasses.

UNDETECTABLE

The announcement of contact lenses a few years ago seemed to be the answer to all these problems. The contact lens is practically undetectable except at close range. Large numbers of them were sold at high prices before the reaction of disappointment set in.

Contact lenses, originally made of optically ground glass but now almost always of plastic, fit over the front of the eyeball and are held in place by the eyelids, and by suction. They move with the eyes. A special technique is required to put them in place, and to remove them. The wearer may experience a number of difficulties.

CAUSE IRRITATION

Among the principal reasons for wearing contact lenses is to get rid of glasses. But contact lenses often are impossible to wear for as long a time as the usual dinner party or dance consumes. The eyes become irritated, and the lenses must then be removed temporarily. This may involve embarrassment, defeating the purpose of the lens. Vision is not as satisfactory with contact lenses as with well-fitted glasses; fogging develops and there is a change in perspective that impairs judgment of distance and

makes walking difficult, as sometimes happens with new bifocal glasses. There is a solution to protect the eyeball from irritation by contact with the lens, but this is troublesome to prepare, requiring measuring and filtering equipment.

In consequence of the disadvantages of contact lenses, many who have bought them for purely cosmetic reasons have discarded them of necessity.

THE SOLUTION

Contact lenses are better today than they were in the beginning. On the assumption that the eyeball is a sphere, the first contact lenses were made as segments of perfect spheres. But the eyeball is not a simple sphere. It has a number of curvatures, of which the details are complicated. Contact lenses today take this into consideration, and they fit better and with less irritation than originally. But the salt or soda solution that goes into the cup of the lens before it is inserted between the lids, is not yet satisfactory. Investigation is proceeding with a lens that will do away with solution altogether, using the wearer's tears for that purpose. In the present state of knowledge, the wearing of contact lenses should not be undertaken without medical opinion.

WHEN MOST USEFUL

There is no one type of contact lens suitable for all wearers.

Contact lenses have been most useful when there are occupational reasons for their use. The actor playing a part in which glasses would be out of place; the brown-eyed actor playing a blue-eyed character in a theatrical movie; on the athlete willing to put up with the extra discomfort and inconvenience in order to see better. In a few types of eye disorder, the contact lens is useful. One of these is a cone-shaped deformity of the cornea (the clear window) of the eye. Another is absence of the iris, the coloured "curtain" that expands and contracts the pupil to control light entering the eyeball. An iris can be built into the lens; this will not, of course, live, nor can it be moved, since it is immobile, but it will help strike an average.

Contact lenses now are moulded to fit the individual eye, but even so, comfort is, by no means assured. Unless there are occupational or good medical reasons for wearing contact lenses, most persons will be happier with good-looking glasses.

Professional Beauty Secrets

By HELEN FOLLETT

YOU may fancy that glamour girls spend a great deal of time on their beauty rituals. This need not be the case. They may have a schedule for good-looking duties that makes every minute count.

The models who pose for magazine, photographs have figured beauty things out to a fine point. They know what type of clothes are flattering what hairdo. With them it is a business.

The model puts cream on her face before taking a bath. She knows the moist atmosphere of the bathroom will help the cream do an extra satisfactory cleaning job. By the time she is ready for make-up, her complexion is soft and glowing; if she has oily skin, she applies astringent before and after her bath.

She removes make-up thoroughly. When her face is washed, the lather is rubbed into the skin with gentle strokes that do not irritate the skin or force the flesh up around the eyes.

A good figure and graceful posture are important to the model. She watches her diet and gets some exercise.

Grace begins in the mind. If one desires to appear light of step and easy of movement, grace will come as naturally as breathing.

A new story

Rupert and the Space Ship

Rupert and the Black Spark—5



Below Rupert happened to the tree there is a light, twinkling noise, and a single spark leaps upwards and settles on Rupert's head. "Oh, that's funny," said Rupert. "The glow seemed to come out of the spark and it became a little black spark and it came from the tree."

around him, lighting on his left hand and finding that he cannot get rid of it. Rupert turns and looks at it. "That's funny," he said. "The glow seemed to come out of the spark and it became a little black spark and it came from the tree."

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HOCKEY INTERNATIONAL

TWO PLUCKY GOALS IN THE LAST QUARTER SAVE ENGLAND

Both England and Pakistan yesterday survived their semi-final match of the International Hockey Tournament to fight it out another day for the right to meet Portugal in the final.

A speedy, youthful and enterprising Pakistan XI scored two goals in the first half and a fighting and a determined England XI came back from the shadow of defeat to equalise with two plucky goals in the last quarter of the game.

Fought out at a tremendous pace, the match saw Pakistan, with most of the players having played together in the League, enjoying a distinct advantage in understanding and co-ordination.

This was especially evident in the forward line where the fast, sweeping moves of the Pakistan forwards, time and again, spelled danger to the English goal.

A Wahab at centre-forward let the attack ably and proved himself a fine opportunist in scoring one of the goals, but with a little more steadiness on his feet, and a little more luck he could have well sealed the fate of the English side by converting two more especially fine chances that came his way, one in the first half and another in the second.

The two wings, Omar and Yusuf, each showed a fast pair of heels and proved themselves a constant menace to the English defence with well-directed centres. In the inside positions Pakistan was well served by Ebrahim and Dalal.

England's forwards showed a little weakness with their erratic tendencies, the fault was more glaring among the English forwards who very seldom throughout the game could exert themselves as an attacking unit.

Though a goal, which came in the 20th minute of the second half, was largely the result of a brilliant individual effort by Smith while their second and equalising goal seven minutes from full time was scored from a short corner.

They dominated with bustling tactics and hard hitting, but for the greater part of the game their inability to get the ball well under control and find their men with accurate passes nullified the grand efforts of their defence in which the half-line, led by centre-half Petters, stood out.

The defences of both teams stood up remarkably well to the pressure and it was England's slight superiority in this department that saved them the day.

Of the full-backs Pakistan's Khan brothers, Farid Khan and Yakub Khan, stood up as well as their vis-a-vis, Taylor and Dewar, and were seen in some very fine clearances and opportunistic tackling.

It was in the half line that Pakistan showed a weak link. Wahab, Yusuf and Hussain gave a sparkling exhibition of grit and determination in the first half, but played themselves out towards the end for lack of that little extra of experience in positional play that would have cut down tremendously their exertions.

Pakistan were the more deserving team to win yesterday's match and on their performance are very likely to be the survivors in the return which has been fixed for next Thursday.

THE GOALS

England assumed the offensive from the bully-off but found themselves up against a stout defence with the two full-backs, Farid Khan and Yakub Khan, time and again coming into the picture with timely tackle and clearances.

A long clearance along the right touch line provided the opening for Pakistan's first goal in the 17th minute. Right-winger Omar succeeded in reaching for the ball after a good sprint. His centre towards the "D" was nicely passed by Ebrahim to Wahab who drove the ball past an un-sighted Boxall into the net.

Soon afterwards Pakistan increased their lead after Wahab had muffed an easy chance in front of the goalmouth. A short-corner resulted in a melee in front of the goalmouth from which centre-half Yusuf managed to send through a rising shot that Boxall failed to see as it sped past him.

Half time came with England just managing to hold Pakistan down to a 2-0 lead.

On the resumption Pakistan again went into the attack and were fortunate in just failing to put the issue beyond doubt when Wahab turned in a perfect centre from the right-wing only to see the ball hit the upright and deflect out of play.

England's fighting spirit was seen at its best at this stage as they began planning the Pakistan team down in their own half and succeeded in breaking through the defence in the 20th minute of the second half.

Smith gained possession of the ball in the "D" after a scuffle and though in an awkward position managed to flick the ball past Kader from a yard's distance.

England's push, stop and hit sequence from a short-corner enabled them to equalise just seven minutes before the end with Taylor putting in the finishing touch with a rasping drive.

THE TEAMS

Pakistan: Kader, F. Khan, Y. Khan, M. A. Wahab, E. Yusuf, T. Hussain, M. Omar, H. K. Ebrahim, A. Wahab, Dalal and M. Yusuf.

England: Boxall, Taylor, Dewar, Andrews, Petters, Ford, Homer, Anthony, Smith, Pearty, Teyen.

TEST MATCH

WEST INDIES 546 For 5

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Mar. 18.

Aided by a third wicket stand of 338, the West Indies today brought their score to 546 for the loss of five wickets on the second day of the fourth Test against England.

This is the highest Test score by the West Indies against England in the West Indies, beating the 535 made at Kingston in 1935.

Everton Weekes made 200 and Worrell 187 in their marathon stand. Resuming at 204 for two in bright sunshine, the two batsmen were in a good position to force the pace but were let down for long spells by defensive bowling from Bailey and Lock.

The crowd of over 20,000 grew restless as Bailey persisted in bowling well wide of the off-stump.

Weekes reached 150 in four hours and 10 minutes, hitting 19 fours, while Worrell completed his century in just over four hours.

Brian Statham, England pace bowler, who yesterday injured a rib muscle, did not field today after visiting hospital for treatment.

At the close Walcott was not out 70 and Atkinson not out five.

THE SCOREBOARD

West Indies, 1st Innings			
Trueman	b.	40	
Stollmeyer	c. and b.	41	
Compton	b.	200	
Weekes	c. Bailey	187	
Worrell	b. Lock	187	
Walcott	not out	70	
Palmer	run out	0	
Atkinson	not out	5	
Extras		17	
Total (for five wickets)		546	
Fall of wickets: 1/78; 2/94; 3/430; 4/517; 5/540.			

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Statham	9	0	31	0
Trueman	27	1	118	1
Bailey	32	7	104	0
Lock	41	7	135	0
Worrell	11	1	12	0
Compton	16	1	56	1
Worrell	16	1	56	1

EXPENSE CHIEF JUDGE



Mr. Harry Golombek, of Chalfont, St. Giles, Buckinghamshire, 43-year-old former British Chess Champion, pictured at London Airport as he boarded a KLM liner for Amsterdam on his way to Moscow where he is presiding as supreme judge of the World Chess Championship match between Mikhail Botvinnik and Vassily Smyslov.

The invitation to Mr. Golombek came from the International Chess Federation at the suggestion of Botvinnik and Smyslov. The Championship — a 24-game series — will last with intervals until May 11.

Mr. Golombek, who speaks Russian, will receive no pay for his services, but his expenses are being paid by the Federation. — Reuterphoto.

Eddy Choong Only Malayan To Reach Semi-finals

London, Mar. 18.

Ong Poh Lim and H. E. Heah of Malaya joined their compatriot, Eddy Choong, the holder, in the last eight of the Men's Singles in the All-England Badminton Championships today, but were both eliminated in the next round.

Ong had an easy 15-3 and 15-5 third round win over R. J. Lockwood, England, and Heah, last year's runner-up, beat the promising 18-year-old Finn Kobbero of Denmark, 17-14 and 15-5.

Ong Poh Lim, with accurately placed shots, outclassed Lockwood who was kept hopelessly chasing about the court. Ong's greater experience and forceful style enabled him to dictate the play.

Heah overcame an early backhand weakness to eliminate Kobbero for whom experts predicted a great future. After taking the first four points, Heah was repeatedly outmanoeuvred on his backhand, and Kobbero went ahead 13-12.

Tightening up his game, Heah levelled at 14-all and then forced the Dane into errors with three fine placements.

Heah continued to improve in the second game, his change of pace causing Kobbero to net or hit out.

QUARTER-FINALS

Eddy Choong (Malaya, holder) beat P. Grandlund (Denmark) 15-3, 8-15 and 15-12 in a quarter-final match.

Choong had to fight for every point against Grandlund, who had eliminated seeded player Jeff Robson (New Zealand) in an earlier round.

The Dane led 6-1 in the first game before Choong settled down. The Malayan quickly pulled up and won the game 15-9.

Choong won the first point in the second game, but the Dane took the initiative and held it almost continually. The Dane also got off to a good start in the final game with Choong trailing a point behind in a grim struggle before the scores were levelled at eight-all.

Grandlund smashed forcibly and clever placements had Choong chasing about the court.

A change in racket brought a change of fortune for Choong. He forged steadily ahead to

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

By "RAPIER"

The Hongkong Jockey Club's Ninth Race Meeting will be held over two consecutive Saturday afternoons, the first tomorrow and the second on March 27.

There are nine races to-morrow. The first saddling-bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. each day. To-morrow, the best event is the Shaikwan Handicap, confined to Class 2 ponies to be contested in two sections over the two-mile post.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Tai Hang Handicap: One Mile. The programme opens with an event confined to Class 8 ponies. A dispute of superiority will be settled between Same Again (Mr. Plumby) and The Stranger (Mr. Alex Lam) in this race.

It will be recalled that the former managed to squeeze through an inside opening to beat the latter by one clear length over the two-mile post at the last meeting.

The chief worry has been presented by the presence of Ann Hing (Mr. Kwok) which has improved in the a.m. gallops and should give a good account of itself.

For outsiders I will look towards Santa Claus (Mr. Samarc) and Valbridge (Mr. S. W. Tang).

SECOND RACE

Hok Tin Handicap: Six Furlongs. Ben Ledl (Mr. Tsai), although promoted in class on account of its win in the North Pass Handicap over this distance at the last meeting, is still maintaining its good form and should have a good chance of registering another win to-morrow.

Given a decent start, a very fit Speedy Roger, Kwok up, is able to upset Ben Ledl in this six-furlong dash.

Tiny Grey, Chun Kit up, has improved much, and this combination should be attractive.

For big money, I suggest an impressive Phoenix with C. A. Lee astride.

THIRD RACE

Shaikwan Handicap (First Section) From 2-Mile Post.

Half Moon Bay, Kwok up, presents a handsome proposition here as the pony has shown great improvement and should start as firm favourite.

Position is expected from Top Secret (Chun Kit) which has put on a lot of condition after several disappointing races. I am of the opinion that it stands a very good chance to chalk up a belated triumph.

Straight Forward (Mr. Peter Wei) and Bankfoot (Mr. Samarc) are good over this distance and should have some say in this race.

FOURTH RACE

Mongkok Plate: From 1½-Mile Post.

This sprint race is confined to 1054 Subscription ponies. Ponies which have won \$1,250 or more in stakes are barred. Weight 147 lb.

Balsam (Mr. Yen Ching-lan), as it came in fourth in the Wetherby Stakes over six furlongs at the Seventh Race Meeting, should have a great opportunity of scoring a win here.

Char Ting (Mr. Plumby) is also in the race in view of its mile run in 2.05.3—last quarter 29 seconds—on March 10.

Beautiful Phoenix (Mr. Gregory) and Senorita (Mr. Oliveira) are recommended for placings.

Jungle Queen (Mr. Hsu) is good to follow as an outsider.

FIFTH RACE

Shaikwan Handicap (Second Section) From 2-Mile Post.

The second section of Class 2 ponies will contest this event. Babbie (Mr. Peter Wei), in view of its fine gallops on Wednesday, March 10, in the good time of 2.02.2—last quarter 27.3 seconds—should have a difficultly in winning.

The difficulty, however, is to nominate the second and third ponies. I expect Kentucky Lad (Mr. Ng) to run off into a big lead but it will not have sufficient stamina to last the distance.

Gabriel, Jinks (Mr. Chuang) should fill second place as it is quite good over this distance.

I look to Squadron Leader (Mr. Kwok) and Clonicle (Mr. Samarc) to fight out the other minor position.

SIXTH RACE

Matawai Handicap: From 1½-Mile Post.

Looking over the entries for this sprint event, Diana (Mr. Samarc), which was second in the North Pass Handicap over six furlongs at the last meeting, seems to be the best bet for a win.

The danger, of course, is Mineola (Mr. Kwok), which has been running well during morning gallops and this com-

bination should not be ignored.

Exquisite Love (Mr. Chuang) is coming along nicely during morning gallops and it should be very near at the finish.

Evening View (Mr. H. C. Pih) is coming along nicely during morning gallops but I cannot see it beating the above-mentioned ponies and the best it can do is to take third position.

For those who are looking for an outsider, Fox Hunter (Mr. Yen Ching-lan) is the pony.

I think Gracechurch (Mr. H. C. Woo), which passed the winning post first and interestedly, is the logical choice for the first position.

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I think Great Conqueror should finish second and Marine Charger (Mr. Samarc) third.

In view of Adorable Ada's disappointing form at previous meetings I can hardly be expected to recommend it for a win, but there is no doubt that this pony has been improving and a win sooner or later is indicated. It will again be taken out by Mr. Tsai tomorrow afternoon.

EIGHTH RACE

Sallying Handicap: From 1½-Mile Post.

I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the ponies to watch in this race are Lassie (Mr. Samarc), Aesthete (Mr. Chuang), Metador (Mr. Ng) and Three Stars (Mr. Kwok).

Lassie, judging from its third placing in the Quarry Bay Handicap over this distance at the Sixth Race Meeting, should have a good chance of winning, but Aesthete is not to be ignored as this pony can move fast and the distance is to its liking.

Metador, with Mr. F. Noddy up, did not improve in its last outing, but it may do better tomorrow with a change in the jockey department. Three Stars can move fairly fast and may provide an upset as it is specially reserved by its connections in this race.

NINTH RACE

Shamshing Handicap: From 2-Mile Post.

This is the last race of the day and will be contested by Class 9 ponies.

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The game yesterday started well and the first score came from a penalty award on the RAF 25. The kick was neatly dropped between the posts.

Then gradually the RAF got going and after a few minutes Davidson went over in the corner. The kick was missed 3-3.

Play ranged back and forth for some time with the Aussies spilling many chances until their lackadaisical passing until Hoole got away through the centre and scored. The kick was missed 6-3.

The final score in the first half came from a line-out. The ball went to the Aussie wing and he evaded four tackles and scored in the corner. The RAF marking at this point was very bad indeed 9-3.

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In the second half the first score came when Davidson kicked a penalty and shortly after Hurst of the RAF nearly broke through, but was un-luckily injured in the attempt and had to leave the field. This put a strain on the RAF and the next score therefore came from a surprise when Hoole again broke through and passed out to the right wing who went over in the corner. The kick was missed 12-0.

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The final score came again from Hoole who ran across the field and beat four men to score. The kick was converted.

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CLOSING QUOTATIONS

Closing quotations were: Shaikwan Handicap (Mar. 24)

10-1 Monsieur Iv

100-9 Dunbar

100-6 Arctic Bays

100-6 Nahar and Romany

Mineral

20-1 Desert Way, Selling

Light, Charles, Manneering, Post

man's Path and Swashbucker

25-1 Ambassador Court

30-1 Langdon, Big, Brawny

Scot, Chivalry and Wallace's

Tower

33-1 Magic Circle

GRAND NATIONAL (MAR. 27)

6-1 Irish Lizard and Coney

burrow

10-1 Royal Tam

100-7 Tudor Line

100-0 Mont Tremblant

20-1 Ordinance and Dominicks

33-1 Queen's Taste, Sanperion

and Whispering Steel

40-1 Southern Coup

The next callover is on Mon-

day, March 22—China Mail

Special.

AUSTRALIANS

BEAT RAF

17-9

By "PAK LO"

Yesterday afternoon brought the first appearance of the Royal Australian Air Force team from Japan when they played the RAF at Kai Tak and beat them by 17 points (8 tries, 1 penalty goal, 1 goal) to 9 points (2 tries, 1 penalty goal).

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THE GAMBOLS

Don't waste time to be on our side. With the radio playing in your car, you can't help but love it.

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JAMES PARK VISITS FRED ARMSTRONG

By Thunder! Is Bred To Stay

Christened Frederick Lakin Armstrong, I have always known the Newmarket trainer as Sam. Curiously, I have never asked him the reason, though I have known him since he was in his teens.

Sam Armstrong is the nearest approach to perpetual motion I know. He never seems to be still and you have to hop along if you want to keep up with him going round at stable time.

He doesn't know how to relax. He inherits his amazing energy from his father, who is nearly 81 and as hale and hearty as ever.

Sam has got together the best-looking lot of two-year-olds he has ever had. I told him so. They should contradict me. They should form the foundation on which to build another successful season.

In their different spheres Sam reminds me of Sir Gordon Richards. Just as one lives almost solely for the purpose of riding, so Sam lives for the other thing of nothing but settling them.

NEVER SHIRKS

It makes no difference to Sam whether it is Boscage, Musselburgh or Alexandria Park. So long as there is a chance of picking up a race, no matter how small, Sam does not let any opportunities slip through his fingers.

Sam never shirks his work and I should say he covers more miles in a season than anyone else in his line.

While I have suggested there will be some nice winners among the two-year-olds, Sam is by no means despondent about having a fling at the classics with his three-year-olds.

He realises that his two colts have something to find, but Epaulette will be trained for the 2,000 Guineas, and By Thunder! for the Derby and St. Leger.

When Michael Henry got off By Thunder! the other day, he remarked to the trainer: "This colt might win the Gold Cup next year." Only Michael could think of that, but I am not looking so far ahead. More to the point is what the colt can accomplish as a three-year-old.

MATHEMATICIAN

Mr Jack Gerber, just back from South Africa, has been remarkably successful in his turf ventures. I don't think he would agree if I called him lucky. Yet there is an element of luck in the purchase of yearlings.

So far as the business of racing is concerned, Mr Gerber employs what I would term a mathematician to hold it all down to figures. The combination have on occasion tickled up the ring to a merry tune as a result of their researches.

I have never found that two and two make four in racing, so obviously I still have a lot to learn. Perhaps that is why the bookmakers asked Mr Gerber to make a speech at the Victoria Club dinner. They, too, might like to know the secret.

A HANDFUL

I should think Mr Gerber will be well satisfied with the

progress made by By Thunder! Not that he regrets having paid 8,000 guineas for the colt as a yearling. By Thunder! is bred to stay and I do not think there is any doubt that he will do so.

Realising that, Sam Armstrong made no attempt to tune up the colt as a two-year-old, but the owner got a nice part of the purchase money back over the Lingsfield victory.

Vertencia, the dam of By Thunder! was a grand staying mare who won the Park Hill Stakes and was second in the Cesarewitch. Her son may achieve even greater fame.

ST. LEGER

He has developed into a most attractive colt and has done well in every way. He is strong and sound and has a placid nature.

The nearest stock are sometimes a bit of a handful, but By Thunder! seems to take after the dam in temperament. It is a stayer that I expect By Thunder! to shine, and he will have to pick up a bit in speed if he is to become a Derby proposition.

It is when stamina becomes the main factor that the colt will come into his kingdom. That may be about St. Leger time.

Neither By Thunder! nor Epaulette earned a place in the Free Handicap, though the latter won two of his three races. He proved at Rodeur and Leicester that he has good speed, and his breeding suggests he should stay a mile if no more.

He has put on weight in the right places, and we shall be able to judge whether there has been a corresponding advance in ability after he has had a preliminary for the 2,000 Guineas. Even if he fails to reach the top class, he can still prove a money-spinner.

NEWCOMERS

Races will be found for Gullible, Curry, Zarabanda and Bebe Grande's brother, Nicholas Nickleby, who is taking a long time to mature.

The four-year-old Kithryn looks better than ever. The Scarab looks none the worse for a busy time as a three-year-old and is a hardy customer.

I have never seen Palpatite look so well and should not be surprised if he makes a bold bid to win another Stewards' Cup. Newcomers from the North are Langton Brig, Lobbe, and Paragonaria. Langton Brig runs for the Lincolnshire Handicap, but I would prefer him over a shorter distance. He has put on weight and so has Lobbe, who might step up on previous form.

Paragonaria is a useful colt sure to be placed to the best advantage.

vantage. Too Marvellous and Fair Virgin are three-year-old fillies who have still to run. The patience may be rewarded one day. A small maiden race can be picked up with Boboli and Tupost.

I like the two-year-old colts better than the fillies, although some of the latter have much to commend them.

In particular I would pick out La Creole a half-sister to First Consul and Empress of France. She is a level-headed filly of just the right size. Miscash is a bigger edition of her half-sister Mademoiselle, who was a fast two-year-old.

ONE TO REMEMBER

To place the colts in the order of merit is a difficult task. There are several to whom I took a fancy. The colt by Petition out of the dam of Golden God is well made, with ample rein and good quarters. He has not yet been named, but when he is it will be a name to remember.

Ceasaire by Beau Sabreur, is a well-made-up colt and as round as an apple. He stands on the best of legs and feet and is a well-balanced short-coupled colt. He looks a race-horse already.

POWERFULLY BUILT

Country Fair is an own brother to the speedy Welsh Fairy and is a low, level-colt, standing over plenty of ground. Minutian is a powerfully built dark grey son of Migoli and that good mare Goblet.

He is deep through the body and girths well. He looks like standing up to any amount of work but may require time to find the strength to match his generous frame. Bicester is the first living foal of that smart mare Pam-bidlan, who did so well for Mr Claude Harper. A son of Tehran, the colt only wants to grow up in front to level out.

WILL BE FIT

Signor is one of the most forward in the team, and may be given a race at Lincoln. He will be fit enough to do himself justice. Winmarley, a half-brother to Sterope, will want more time.

It seems reasonable to forecast that Sam Armstrong will discover one or two above the average amongst a most promising lot of two-year-olds.

(London Express Service)



W. Snaith up during the gallops.

THE MURRAYFIELD BATTLE
ENGLAND BIDS FOR DUAL RUGBY HONOURS—VITAL MATCH TOMORROW

By J. R. WATKINS

London.

For England's Rugby Union enthusiasts, tomorrow is THE DAY. In one match the national fifteen has a chance of gaining the season's two top honours, the Triple Crown and the Calcutta Cup.

The game is at Murrayfield, where England meet Scotland. Always an important fixture, with the Calcutta Cup at stake, it has been given added stature by England's record this season.

Beating Wales and Ireland, only Scotland stands between her and the Triple Crown. And England feel they are just about due for the honour. They last gained it 17 years ago. All the other three Home countries have since won it—Wales and Ireland twice each.

On form the match looks a good thing for England. Their only defeat this season was by the All-Blacks.

Scotland, playing their last international of the season, still seek a victory. Four setbacks have brought her current record to 14 successive defeats.

But this fixture has a habit of confounding the prophets.

SIGNS OF A REVIVAL

There are, too, signs of a Scottish revival. Their last showed when the All-Blacks were more than relieved to scrape home by a 3-0 margin at Murrayfield.

There was little evidence of improvement two weeks later, however, when the Scots went down 6-0 to Ireland, but there are hopes they will be seen tomorrow afternoon.

It's significant, too, that Scotland field the same side for the third match in succession. This vote of confidence by the selectors can have a tremendous effect on morale and inspire the players to produce the fire shown against the New Zealanders.

Nothing endangers team spirit more than constant changes. Last season, for example, Scotland called upon 31 players in four games. No fewer than 14 were new caps. In those four games Scotland conceded 75 points whilst scoring 19.

Results of the "no change" policy should be most evident in the pack—so long the cornerstone of Scottish rugby. A third

game together can help the forwards become a formidable combination.

IN THE SCRUM

It is in the scrum, I think, that the match will be decided. The New Zealanders were unanimous in that Scotland's forwards were the best of the four Home countries.

The question is whether they can build up sufficient advantage to nullify England's likely supremacy behind the pack where the threequarters, Woodward, Butterfield, Quinn and Winn, should hold sway, supported by half-backs Regan and Rimmer.

It doesn't think they can. England, despite being the conquering heroes, have made four changes. Two are in the pack. New caps Bance and Leadbetter replace Yarranton and Kendall-Carpenter.

The new line-up should give the pack a more solid look. Hitherto the accent had been on speed. And the All-Blacks showed the deficiencies of lack, rather than powerful, forwards when they beat England 5-0.

The new line-up should pretty well hold their own and ensure plenty of the ball for the backs.

Here too the England changes have a safety first appearance. Full-back King was spectacular. He initiated many movements with sudden up-field dashes. But when those dashes failed, as must happen sometimes, the forwards were given anxious moments.

THE OPPOSITE

Gibbs, his replacement, is the opposite. A brother of a former England player, he is methodical and sound. He invariably finds touch and misses few scoring chances with his place-kicking. Davies, the left wing-threequarter, has also been passed over in favour of a slower man. This time a former cap, Winn, regains his place.

The exclusion of Davies has caused much comment. Many rate him Britain's best three-quarter. Winn, a whole-hearted player, will not let the side down. But his play, like the England victory I foresee, will be workman-like, rather than spectacular.

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WEEK-END SOFTBALL

The following are the softball League matches and umpires for the week-end:

TOMORROW

Junior-23 Gunners v Pandas (Ground A), 2.30 p.m. Umpire, O. Souza. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (B) v Cometa (B), 3.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (C) v Cometa (C), 4.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (D) v Cometa (D), 5.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (E) v Cometa (E), 6.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (F) v Cometa (F), 7.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (G) v Cometa (G), 8.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (H) v Cometa (H), 9.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (I) v Cometa (I), 10.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (J) v Cometa (J), 11.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (K) v Cometa (K), 12.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (L) v Cometa (L), 1.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (M) v Cometa (M), 2.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (N) v Cometa (N), 3.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (O) v Cometa (O), 4.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (P) v Cometa (P), 5.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (Q) v Cometa (Q), 6.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (R) v Cometa (R), 7.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (S) v Cometa (S), 8.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (T) v Cometa (T), 9.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (U) v Cometa (U), 10.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (V) v Cometa (V), 11.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (W) v Cometa (W), 12.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (X) v Cometa (X), 1.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (Y) v Cometa (Y), 2.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. (Z) v Cometa (Z), 3.30 p.m. Umpire, M. Ferraz. M. Ferraz, E. Souza, C.A.A. 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IN THE GOODS of WILLIAM PATRICKSON late of THROUGHOUT Weathercock Lane Whitby, formerly of Rockwood Hall, 113 Deep Water Bay Road, Hongkong, Gentleman, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 6 (1) of the Probate and Administration Ordinance Chapter 10, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above Estate to the Fourteenth day of April, 1954.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the Sixteenth day of March, 1954.

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NOTICE

The Third Annual Meeting of The Mission to Lepers Hongkong Auxiliary will be held on Monday, 22nd March at 6.40 p.m. in the St. John's Cathedral Hall followed at 6.10 p.m. by Slides and Lecture by Dr. Skinnanes.

At 5.15 p.m. on the same date, a Special Evensong Service will be held in St. John's Cathedral.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Crown Withdraws Charge

Ronald George Bishop, 34, who was accused of having given information known by him to be false for the purpose of procuring a British passport, was discharged by Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning when Mr. D. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Counsel, entered a nolle prosequi on that charge.

Bishop, who is the assistant manager of the China Fleet Club, was later charged with making an untrue statement to procure a passport for Kwok Chak-wing on September 17, 1951.

He pleaded not guilty through Counsel, Mr. A. S. C. Comber, and hearing was fixed for April 22 and 23 at 2.30 p.m.

Charged with him were Lam Ngai, who was also discharged this morning by Mr. Hing-shing Lo on a nolle prosequi, and Pang Tai-hing.

Before Mr. Poon, Lam pleaded guilty to making an untrue statement to procure a passport and Pang, who was charged jointly with Bishop, also pleaded guilty.

Lam is facing additional charges on illegal radio counts, and was remanded for seven days in goal custody by Mr. Hing-shing Lo in respect of these charges.

Bishop and Pang were allowed an extension of \$1,000 bail till the date of hearing.

Border Shooting Incident

Tel-Aviv, Mar. 19. Another shooting incident on the Israel-Jordan border was reported by an Israeli Army spokesman here last night.

He said that shots were fired across the Jordan border at Israeli workmen near Beit Nekoufa, south of Jerusalem, but nobody was hurt.—Reuter.

Mail Notices

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By Air: Indo-China, 6 p.m.; N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.; Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.; Japan, U.S.A. and Canada, 6 p.m.

By Surface: N. Borneo, 3 p.m.; Korea, 3 p.m.; Macao, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 By Air: Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 a.m.; Burma, India, Ceylon, 8 a.m.; Thailand, Malaya, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.

By Surface: Formosa, Okinawa, Japan, & U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface: China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; Japan, 9 a.m.; Malaya, Burma, India, 2 p.m.; Macao, 2 p.m.; Indo-China, 2 p.m.; Philippines, 2 p.m.; China, People's Republic, 3 p.m.; Macao, 3 p.m.

Three Driving Offences

Cheung Chung-sing, 18, an employee of the Fook Kee Farm, Aberdeen, was fined \$250 by Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central today on three charges of driving without a licence, driving without the owner's consent and driving without third party insurance.

Cheung's counsel, Mr. W. C. R. Carr, told the court that Cheung had driven the lorry in a moment of enthusiasm.

The driver had left the truck in charge of Cheung while on a visit to Aberdeen. While the driver was away woman asked Cheung for the driver as she wanted to hire the truck to shift some goods.

Cheung offered to shift the goods for her. The woman sat at the back of the lorry. As the truck moved off, the tailboard, which was insecurely fastened, fell off and the woman was thrown to the ground injuring herself. She was in hospital for six weeks. The woman gave notice that she would sue Cheung in the Supreme Court.

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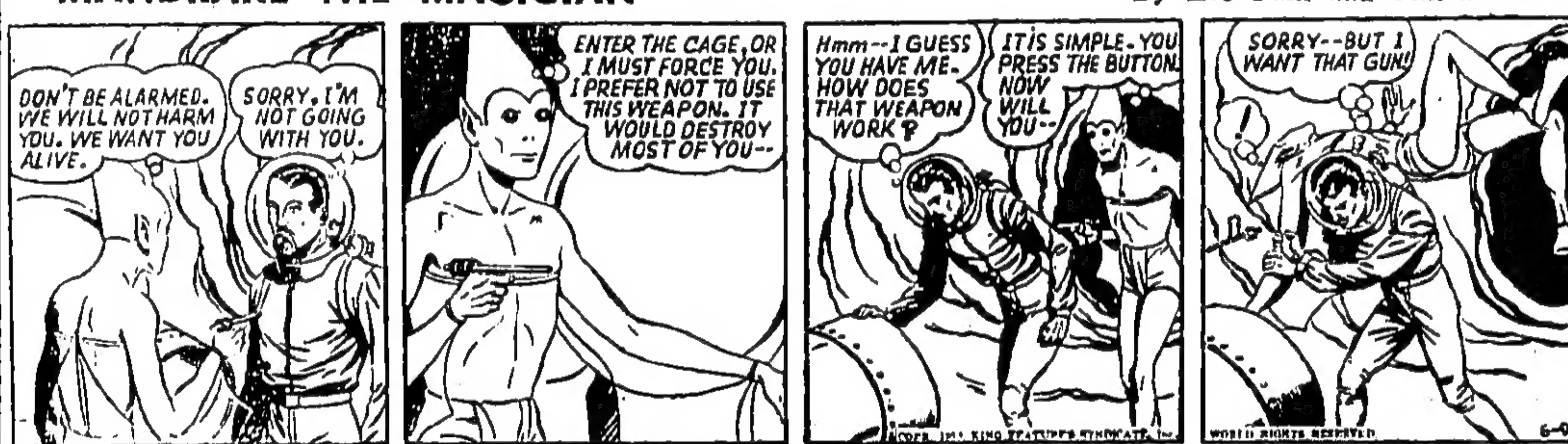
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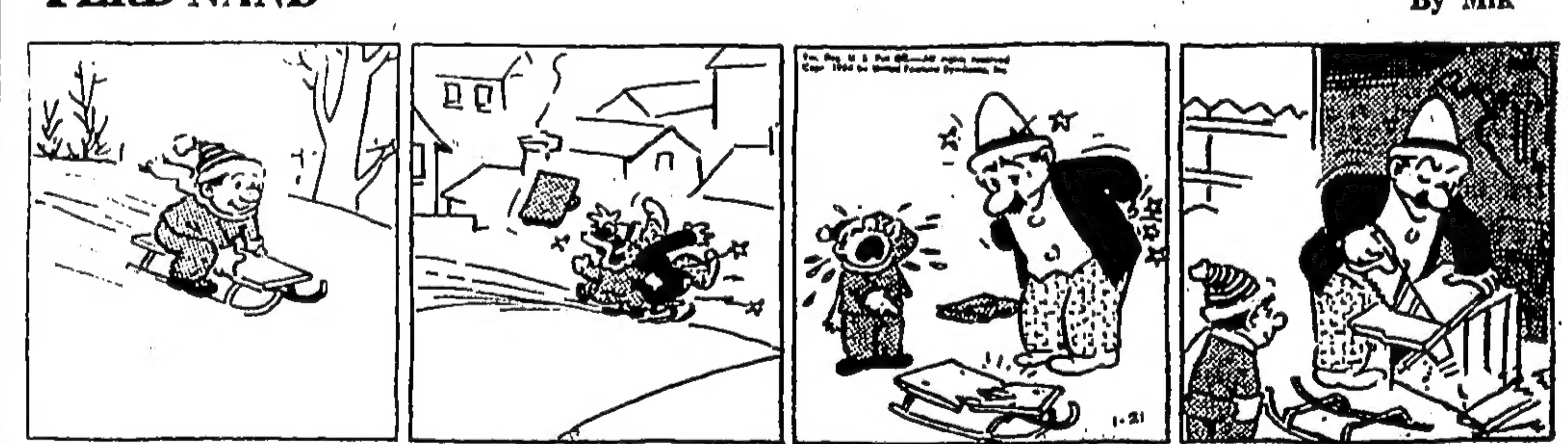
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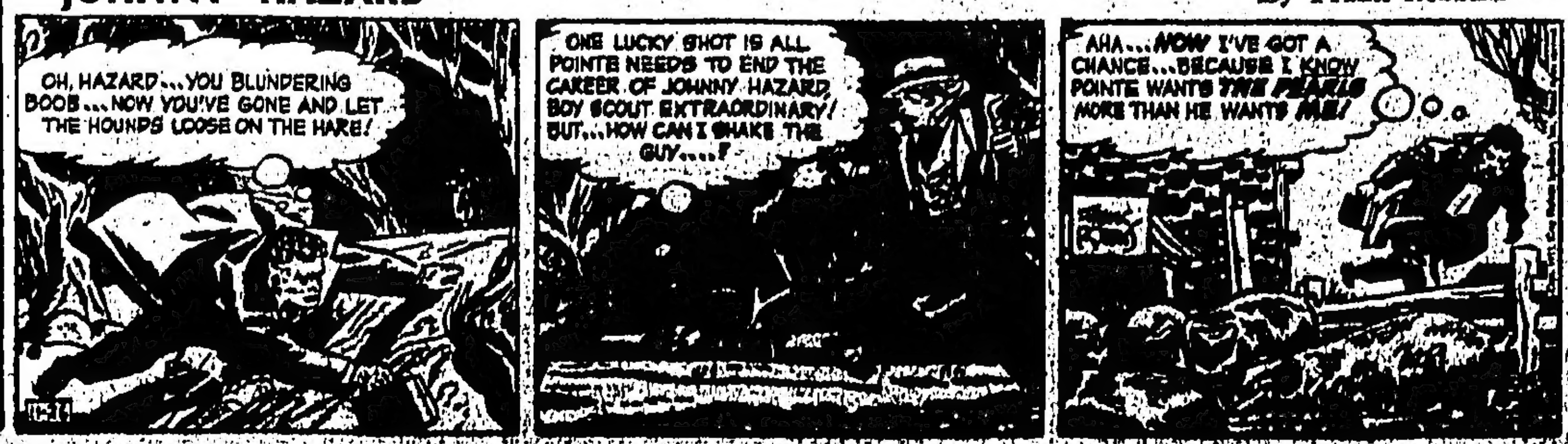
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Soviet Grain Production Lagging

Moscow, Mar. 18.

The Soviet Communist Party Secretary, Mr. N. Khrushchev, has told the USSR that grain supplies lagged behind consumption demands. Mr. Khrushchev's warning followed a decision of the Communist Party Central Committee plenary meeting calling for an increase of grain production for the state in the near future of between 35 and 40 per cent over 1953.

The USSR is trying to recruit 100,000 young workers, staking many from factories, to open up 13 million hectares of new grain producing land in 1954.

The party decision, based on Mr. Khrushchev's report, said the amount of grain which remained on collective farms after the Government quotas had been met, "is also insufficient to supply the farms". In 1955 the farms would have to collect between 1,100 and 1,200 million pounds of grain (one pound equals 16 kilograms) — of which 800-900 should be delivered to the state.

Great attention was to be paid to the improved organization of harvesting, supply of machinery, including grain driers and harvesters, and the construction of elevators.

The party proposed that "within two months, a plan should be presented to the Government, on changing the planning system in order to give more initiative to local authorities in planning agricultural production."

The party called for immediate increases of the area under cotton, flax and hemp in the near future. In the past three years the area under flax had fallen by 25 per cent and the flax harvest was insufficient to supply the "light" industry (China Mail Special).

Important Witness in Rome's "Drug Orgy" Trial



Beautiful Anna Caglio, lawyer's daughter, known as the "Black Swan" arrived at the law courts in Rome. She went into the witness box when Italy's most sensational trial in years began. Police escorted 23-year-old Anna through the flashing of camera bulbs when she entered the court building. The question on which she gave evidence was: had attractive Wilma Montesi really been drowned when her body was found on a beach, or—had drugs killed her? In the dock was journalist, Silvano Muto, accused of spreading false information likely to disturb public order. The charge arose out of an article in his magazine, in which he suggested that Wilma had died of an overdose of drugs taken at a "wild party." Anna's early evidence shook the court. She said that she suspected that the son of the Foreign Minister, Attilio Piccioni, was somehow mixed up in Wilma's death. She alleged that her suspicions about Piccioni arose from a telephone conversation between "two good friends" that she had overheard. And she suspected that the Marchese Montagna also was somehow mixed up in the affair. There was a hush as Anna said that Muto's article had confirmed her suspicions about Wilma's death. The trial continues.—Express Photo.

BRITISH OILMEN, YES! BUT:

"Back-Street Empire Builders" Not Wanted In Iran

Teheran, Mar. 18.

Although hostility to Britain and the West generally is still apparently widespread in Iran (judging from personal statements and newspaper comment) more and more individuals here are prepared to bury their grievances in order to get oil flowing again from Abadan—and money flowing into the nation's exchequer.

The belief that Iran herself could operate her oil industry in competition with world oil concerns in the West died long ago among better educated people here. Moreover, the cost of living in the towns, after two and a half years of an oil-less economy, has just about doubled.

But the physical return of some 400 or 500 foreigners, whether British, American, French or Dutch, to the refinery and oilfields is regarded here as certain to fan old flames of resentment and provide opposition and Communist groups with a chance to chant the old slogans about "foreign exploitation and interference."

This psychological problem is at its most acute in the city of Abadan itself, the largest oil town in the Middle East and second largest in Iran, whose population of some 260,000 people relies for its livelihood on the great oil industry built up by British capital and brains between 1907 and 1951.

Since British oilmen evacuated Abadan in the summer of 1951 after Iran nationalised the industry and seized the plants, the town's prosperity has ebbed away.

Government officials have continued to pay 20,000 Iranian oil workers their weekly wages although, since the refinery has been working at only one-third of its peak output, there was a full day's work for only a fraction of them.

But although wages have been paid, inflation in Abadan has doubled the price of basic foods and trebled the cost of tea and sugar, a serious matter in a country where tea drinking is so frequent that it is almost a vice.

Almost as bad as inflation, is the boredom and frustration which grew up among workers and officials when it was gradually realised that without the West's co-operation, Iran would not be able to exploit her great oil resources.

Only 500 yards of mud-coloured water forming the Shatt-el-Arab River separates the townsfolk of Abadan from the shores of Iraq, which eagerly filled the breach caused by Iran's oil shut-down and has benefited by a shower of wealth.

Further down, in the Persian Gulf, lies Kuwait, another rich oil state, which has amassed staggering wealth from oil revenues—wealth sufficient to buy every adult a Cadillac if national wealth were divided evenly.

Comparing this with his own poor state, the Abadan citizen feels that he has been robbed. And he often lays the blame for it on the victim who comes first to mind—the foreigner.

On the other hand, even the lowliest casual labourer prob-

ably realises now that the return of foreign oil technicians and the re-opening of the refinery will mean the start of a long climb back to prosperity.

This factor, Government officials hope, will offset the impact of the foreigners' return.

Although no one in Abadan knows, most people expect that the returning oilmen will be either solely British or possibly a mixture of British and American.

What sort of welcome they receive depends greatly on the men themselves, and especially on the attitude of the British. An Iranian accountant who studied in Britain for several years, summed up the Iranian view: "If British experts come they should be 100 per cent British and not imitation pukka shahs."

"During my stay in England, I made many friends and I got to like the English and their ways. But unfortunately so many of the people I liked in England, the instant their ship docked at Abadan, became transformed into what we call 'back-street empire builders'.

They put on airs and expected to be treated like masters. 'We want 100 per cent British; people who do not change when they come abroad but remain British.' By no means everyone in Abadan today is anti-British. The hate campaign against 'foreign exploiters and cheats' stirred up by back-alley politicians during the nationalisation crisis, has simmered down. The Communist Tudeh Party and some followers of Dr Mohammed Mossadegh try to keep it going, but the Government has taken strong security measures against unofficial propaganda.

"Come Back Soon"

Britons who have visited the town recently have been treated with friendliness and courtesy by refinery officials and many of the townsfolk and shopkeepers asked: "When are the British coming back? We hope it will be soon." Even officials engaged with interviews after "old friends"

among the British oil staff and promised them a warm welcome on their return. Several of these officials have sons at school in England and insist that they will send other sons when they come of school age.

A few officials said that they would prefer to see American experts come to Abadan. But a majority of those questioned admitted that for them the habit of dealing with the British was so engrained that they would find it too big a wrench to have to adapt themselves to another idiom and different manners.

One English-educated Iranian, commented: "You have a proverb which says that it is better to have the devil you know than the devil you do not know. We sometimes feel like that about it."

In many ways, Abadan is essentially British. It has squash courts and badminton courts, but no bowling alleys or baseball pitches. There are billiard tables in the homes and officials play bridge, but not poker.

Taxis plying in the streets are nearly all of British make. The interiors of the homes of executives are unchanged since the British left and contain mahogany furniture and grand pianos with family portraits on the walls. Silver candlesticks adorn the dining tables, cocktails are based on British recipes.

Most of the town can speak or understand English and thousands go three times a week to the luxurious Taj cinema, which looks as if it had been transported bodily from London, to see British and American films.

Nearly everyone has something good or bad to say about the British in Abadan. Given the overriding impression, even to a visitor, is that the town is ready to stoke the refinery furnaces at the heat of a tanker's whistle and no one would hold back "because the British had withdrawn to help."

UTILITIES IN DEMAND ON HK MARKET

Company Reports Promote Some Activity

By A Special Correspondent

Utilities were in demand on the Hongkong Stock Exchange yesterday following a number of interesting reports delivered at Company annual meetings this week.

Share prices generally were firm and Banks featured in a good advance to \$1,685 a rise of \$45 on the week, attributable to the shortage of Bank scrip on the market. Banks are now yielding slightly under five per cent whereas utilities are giving about 6 per cent.

Business has been light, averaging about \$1,100,000 on the week. The market "just seems to be bubbling away gently" as one broker put it, with nothing to disturb the underlying firmness. Demand for shares is steady, but investors are choosing their stocks carefully.

Hongkong Electric's were active yesterday on market rumours following the General Meeting. The shares rose to \$31½ on the morning call, but slipped back to \$31½ in the afternoon.

These slight fluctuations were caused apparently by a misapprehension that Electric's were disposing of the Agency carried out by Gibb Livingston Ltd. This idea apparently arose from the Chairman's statement at yesterday's annual meeting that "negotiations were taking place" on the company's future associations with Gibb Livingston.

Actually, a more reliable report circulating yesterday afternoon suggested that in terminating the agreement, Hongkong Electric might have to give Gibb Livingston a certain number of shares. This caused some slight disillusionment.

The announcement that Hongkong Electric had secured a Government contract to extend and improve street lighting in the Colony was well received.

I saw an old balance sheet of the company yesterday, dated 1908. Then the Hongkong Electric had a capital of \$800,000 and its assets were \$772,539. There's a long way to go in the last 46 years. Issued capital today is \$35 million and current and fixed assets are at \$93,527,569.

Telephones finished at \$28.80, up 40 cents on Monday's ex-dividend price. The rise was attributable to the favourable report of the company's activities last year. The Chairman, Mr W. A. Stewart reported that a record number of new telephones services were installed during the financial year—4,663 direct exchanges and 1,893 extensions. He also said that demand for services would not be fully met this year.

China Lights were active and, on a turnover of more than 30,000 shares on the morning call alone, rose 20 cents on the day and were up 70 cents on the week (the "news" were also up 70 cents on the week). Brokers believe the activity was due to news of the company's new line to the Ma On Shan Mine in the New Territories.

China Lights are taking a transmission off the main line between the Shing Mun Road and Tai Po over the hills and down to the sea opposite Ma On Shan. Then they are laying a submarine cable across the water to the mine itself. Work is reported to be "well in hand"—and the company hopes to have the supply available in three months' time.

Kowloon wharves were firm and Hotels and Lands, both ex-dividend, were quietly steady.

Interest in Allied Investors appears to be flagging out and

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, Mar. 18.

Closing prices per bushel in cents:

Wheat, No. 2, red	22 1/2
Spot	22 1/2
March	22 1/2
July	21 1/2
September	21 1/2
December	20 1/2
March, No. 2, yellow	17 1/2
Spot	17 1/2
March	17 1/2
July	16 1/2
September	16 1/2
December	15 1/2
March, No. 4, yellow	15 1/2
Spot	15 1/2
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July	14 1/2
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December	13 1/2
March, No. 4, white	13 1/2
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July	12 1/2
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